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SUBJ: NEW NEPALI AMBASSADOR TO INDIA

1. HMG MAY 18 ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF BEDANANDA JHA AS THE NEW NEPALI AMBASSADOR TO INDIA. JHA WHO IS 61 YEARS OLD, IS A FORMER JOURNALIST WHO SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF THE NEPAL TERAII CONGRESS PARTY FROM 1954 UNTIL IT WAS BANNED IN 1960. HE SERVED IN VARIOUS MINISTERIAL CAPACITIES BEGINNING IN 1961, INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT, INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE. HE WAS ELECTED TO THE PANCHAYAT IN 1962 AND WAS APPOINTED TO THE BACK TO THE VILLAGE CAMPAIGN IN 1968. THE LATE KING APPOINTED HIM AS CHAIRMAN, STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE RAJ SABHA AND JHA SERVED IN THAT CAPACITY FROM 1971 UNTIL 1976.

2. COMMENT: JHA HAS THE REPUTATION, STEMMING FROM HIS DAYS IN THE TERAII CONGRESS PARTY, OF BEING PRO-INDIAN HE IS, HOWEVER, AN UNKNOWN QUANTITY TO THE EMBASSY SINCE HIS CONTACTS WITH HIM HAVE BEEN LIMITED TO INFREQUENT FORMAL MEETINGS. HIS APPOINTMENT AS AMBASSADOR TO INDIA COMES AS A BIT OF A SURPRISE SINCE HIS NAME WAS NOT MENTIONED IN THE COURSE OF THE USUAL SPECULATION AS TO WHO WOULD REPLACE AMBASSADOR MALLA. JHA DOES NOT APPEAR TO HAVE CLOSE CONTACTS WITH THE PALACE.
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